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Regional Statistics for Northern Territory released today

A snapshot of the Northern Territory covering a spectrum of topics including the environment, population, health, law and public safety, income and expenditure, and economic data was released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Some highlights from this publication include:

- The official estimated resident population of the Northern Territory at the 30th of June 2006 was 210 674 people. An annual average growth rate of 1.3% was observed for the Northern Territory's population during the period 2001 to 2006. The average annual growth rate in population for 2001 to 2006 was highest in Finniss (3.2%) and Daly (3.1%), followed by Palmerston–East Arm (2.8%) and lowest in Central NT (0.3%).

- In 2006, all recorded locations in the NT - except for Alice Springs - received lower than average rainfall.

- The highest road traffic accident rate was observed in the Finniss region (227 per 10 000 population), which also had the highest non-fatal injury rate (158 per 10 000 population). The Bathurst-Melville region had the lowest motor vehicle accident rate (31 per 10 000 population) and the lowest non-fatal injury rate (20 per 100 000 population).

- From December 2005 to December 2006 all statistical subdivisions in the Northern Territory experienced a fall in the unemployment rate. The lowest unemployment rate was observed in Darwin City (2.5%), followed by Palmerston-East Arm (2.7%). Rural and regional areas had higher unemployment rates, highest in Daly (15.4%), Bathurst-Melville (12.6%) and Alligator (10.5%). Overall, unemployment in the NT has decreased from 6.0% in 2004 to 4.7% in 2006.

- The dollar value of the Northern Territory's gross state product in 2005-06 increased by 7.5% over the previous year compared to 2.8% nationally.

- New businesses are less likely to survive in the Northern Territory than any other state or territory in Australia. New businesses starting up during 2003-04 had a 50.6% chance of surviving until June 2006, compared with the next lowest survival rate - ACT (56.6%) - and the highest survival rate in Tasmania (63%).

Further details can be found in *Regional Statistics, Northern Territory, 2007* (cat. no. 1362.7), available free from the ABS website <https://www.abs.gov.au>.

Media Note:
The publication presents information for the NT and its 11 Statistical Subdivisions:

- Alligator (includes Jabiru)
- Barkly (includes Tennant Creek and the Tablelands area)
- Bathurst-Melville
- Central NT (includes Alice Springs)
- Daly (includes Pine Creek and Nauiyu Nambiyu)
- Darwin
- East Arnhem (Includes Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy)
- Finniss (includes Cox Peninsular, Coomalie and Belyuen)
- Litchfield Shire
- Lower Top End NT (includes Borroloola, Katherine, Timber Creek and Mataranka
- Palmerston – East Arm

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